

MINUTES – APRIL 2, 2012

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the Historic Courthouse in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2012. Members present: Nathaniel Hall, Chairman, Cathy W. Lucas, Vice-Chair, Jeremiah Jefferies, Gordon G. Satterfield, Kenneth D. Travis and N. Kent Williamson. Absent: William E. Carter. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, County Manager, Brian Ferrell, County Attorney, and Angela Evans representing The Caswell Messenger. Paula P. Seamster, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Chairman Hall opened the meeting with a Moment of Silent Prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Hall asked the Board of Commissioners and the citizens present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Hall stated “Fellow commissioners we have one item we need to delete. We need to take Item 10 off the agenda.”

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to amend the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Williamson to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

The following items were included on the Consent Agenda:

- A) Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2012 Special Meeting
- B) Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2012 Regular Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Hall opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. John Claggett came before the Board and made the following statement:

“Good evening, my name is John Claggett and I reside at 108 Jaye Lane, Providence, NC.

On your agenda this evening you'll find that the Tax Director is coming before you seeking approval of a resolution of delaying the effective date of a reappraisal of property in Caswell County.

We, the taxpayers, would like you to know that if a resolution is passed to keep us paying property taxes at the 2008 rate it illustrates just how little the taxpayer in this county means to you. Some of these taxpayers are county employees who in spite of continuing to pay the 2008 tax rate haven't seen a raise in pay for years. Some of these taxpayers own businesses that have suffered during these bad times and some of these taxpayers have been laid off.

In recent months we've shown the county areas of wasteful spending. In not so recent months the county has experienced wasteful spending due to negligence on the part of the county, and all of this is on the shoulders of the taxpayer.

You did this to us last year. Why is it that the taxpayer is subject to the uncertainty of the current economical situation in our daily lives but Caswell County Government is exempt? Do you not bear a responsibility to us and our families?

It's greed in its highest form. Is this resolution to keep fund numbers inflated, to enable the county to continue to waste money on cell phone overages and transportation redundancies like burning fuel conducting personal business, or to possibly soften the future financial burden of the continuing useless dirt saga associated with the detention center construction site?

To pass this resolution is just plain wrong. Thank you."

With no other public comments Chairman Hall declared Public Comments to be closed.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DEEDS

Mr. Lionell Parker came before the Board and made the following statement:

"Good evening, my name is Lionell Parker and I am serving as the treasurer for the Dillard Educational and Economic Development Service also known as DEEDS. I wanted to come before the Board of Commissioners to request a letter of support that would support us in our application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for their NC Catalyst program. The Catalyst program is a program that supports non-profits and governmental organizations that are collaborating to repair buildings through their community block grant funds. This application is due at the end of the month of April, the Town of Yanceyville and DEEDS are doing a joint collaboration to seek funding to repair and rehabilitate the old Dillard Junior High School that is not known as the Caswell Heritage and Cultural Center. The North Carolina Department of Commerce's community investment assistance is the group that is designing this program. These grant funds are coming from the federal government to the state of North Carolina and they are targeting rural communities, such as Yanceyville, such as Caswell County. These monies are not available to the large municipalities that are formed in Mecklenburg, Wake, Guilford or what we know as the traditional big five which would be included in the urban areas of North Carolina. What we are asking is for the Board of County Commissioners to support us

in this application in our efforts to enhance and build a sustainable community resource and in the development of a cultural center and a heritage center. In this center what we propose to have is a career resource center that would allow us to go after other funds which would include the Youth Build Program which is a program that targets 16 year olds to 24 years olds who dropped out of school. We will help them to get their GEDs and then also help them to get sustainable training. The auditorium there has seating for 722 seats. That seating will fit in the middle of what we call the Cultural Center that Yanceyville tends to be. We have the Civic Center that has a 150 seat capacity in the small auditorium and the large auditorium of over a thousand if all of the seats are pulled out. Also what we would like to do is to reinvigorate this center so we can look at health and wellness. Caswell County has a problem as it relates to health and wellness. As we know we have a dialysis center here and it is well used. Also when you look at the children in the county obesity is a big problem. With the rehab of the gym, that gym will be largest gym in functionality in the county. It has two classrooms and two locker rooms as well as two offices. What we propose to do is to rehab that building so it could be a health and wellness center. There will be separate workout rooms: one for ladies and one for gents. As you see the gym on the Square they only have one equipment area. If the ladies want to come with their spandex they don't have to feel embarrassed or that they are being watched. They can just come to work out. We think that the rehab of the gym would allow that. It would also allow collaboration with the county's recreation department. The gym at the county rec. does not have the capacity to handle all the demands that is upon it. There is not a lot of free play. What we are asking is that the County Commissioners join in this collaboration through this support letter that we would ask for you to submit to the North Carolina Department of Commerce through their community assistance program. I am here to answer any other questions that you might have."

Commissioner Lucas asked "How was DEEDS funded initially?" Mr. Parker responded "DEEDS is a public non-profit 501c(3) that is funded through memberships and you are welcome to join. It is \$50.00 a year. Initially there were charter members who paid \$500 and this was on September 25, 2002. That is when it was incorporated. We had charter members that included churches and individuals and what not. Most of that first year funding and the funding for the first two to three years went to purchase the building. Since then it has been through fundraisings such as fish fry's. It is Grassroots fundraising. Grassroots fundraisers such as fish fry's, banquets and the like. Over the past three years since '09 we started to look at how we could enhance the community's esteem of itself so we initiated what we call the Spirit of Caswell Awards in four areas: Education, Citizenship, Cultural Arts and Business. We have highlighted some of the great things that have happened here in Caswell County such as we honored Donna Pointer for her services for the county as an extension agent as well as the Senior Center. We honored Erin Thomas for her work with the Thomas Day Society. We honored Lib McPherson with her work with the Historical Association. We have honored Lee Fowlkes for his work with cultural arts. When we look at the size of the community and the types of programs we have been able to do if you go on the internet and you key in CCHA or the Caswell County Historical Association there is too much information out there, the website is phenomenal. The kinds of conversations that are going on in social media as it relates to Caswell County is beyond anybody's imagination. When you look at what Lee Fowlkes has done with the Civic Center and the arts program there, you have had The Spinners and all kinds of artists come here even the Blues Brothers as recent as February of this year. A small town and county

like ours, we are out-performing places like Danville as well Durham. We are not the Durham DPAC but at the same time we have the same kind of arts coming here. Some other people we have honored are: we honored Gloria Wallace for her work in education and as everyone knew her from Oakwood. She really was a person who was for the children of Caswell County. We also honored John Fulton, who is the local undertaker, for his work in business administration. We have tried to raise the awareness level of the community as it relates to who we are and what we think of ourselves. Through this grant what we are trying to do is to see the vision that can happen for this community through the rehabbing of the Dillard School. I came to this body in 2008 and 2009 to share with you that the reason the name changed from Dillard Junior High School or Caswell County Training School or Caswell County High School is that 19 years it was a segregated institution but 31 years it was integrated from '69 on until the time it closed. So if you add the 31 years that it represented all of the community versus 19 years it represented it partially. What does it mean? It is Caswell County's heritage. It is what it is and what we want to do is represent that this is a facility that should be serving the entire community and with your support we will be moving the ball up the field a little bit closer."

Commissioner Lucas stated "It is very commendable that you have honored all of those individuals that you listed because they are highly recognizable to most people here in this county and they have done a wonderful job in our county. The grant money is considered community development block grant money that is federal dollars?" Mr. Parker responded "It is federal dollars coming through to the town but the way the rural development and the community investment works now is that if there is a non-profit that is apply they are applying through a municipality. In 2009 when then Chairman Jefferies and the Board at that standing they voted to serve as an advocate for a Rural Center reuse grant. The reuse grant would allow us to; we closed the building down because it had to be not used because we were using the cafeteria at that time for small banquets, family reunions and what not. That reuse grant through the North Carolina Rural Center would have allowed almost \$500,000 to go into the rehabbing. This fits into a matrix of financing whereas when we looked at the Commerce Department's community investment of about five hundred and then you look at the Rural Center another five hundred and then there is the Golden Leaf that can provide money. All of this is for economic development so that we can provide a resource that can provide jobs for this community."

Commissioner Lucas asked "So the amount of this grant specifically would be how much?" Mr. Parker responded "\$500,000 that is the max you can apply for." Commissioner Lucas continued "It was not in the letter." Mr. Parker responded "This is the max it would be available that you could apply for. They have about six million dollars that is going to be available but only five hundred per project. That is the max per project." Commissioner Lucas asked "Is there a limit per neighborhood or per community available through Commerce?" Mr. Parker responded "Our question was can the County and the Town apply for the same project? At that point they said not in the same program." Commissioner Lucas continued "Okay but is there a dollar limit on this particular grant that is being applied for? My understanding is there is \$1,250,000 available to the County or to the Town." Mr. Parker responded "No, there is another program where there is a community block grant. That is another piece of money but this is Catalyst program." Commissioner Lucas stated "The Catalyst program is what I am speaking about." Mr. Parker responded "\$500,000 is the max per application or per grant." Commissioner Lucas continued "But the money that is available to our community is \$1,250,000. My question is how much of

that has already been spoken for? Do we have any idea tonight out of that \$1,250,000 what has been committed already?" Mr. Parker stated "There are four programs..." Commissioner Lucas responded "This is the Catalyst program that I am speaking about specifically." Mr. Parker stated "There is only \$500,000, from my understanding, available." Commissioner Lucas responded "That is not what I was told today from Commerce. They said per community there is \$1,250,000 available." Mr. Parker stated "Out of the total block grant money?" Commissioner Lucas responded "To this community." Mr. Parker stated "Out of the total grant this is a slice..." Commissioner Lucas responded "Out of the Catalyst program is what my understanding was." Mr. Parker stated "Well we can do to the site. My conversation with the director of the program was that we could only get five hundred. We would like to have a million and a half because that would ease up the pressure." Commissioner Lucas responded "Well that is my question because there may be other groups that may be interested in applying for grant dollars as well and we would certainly not want to slight anybody that is interested." Mr. Parker responded "The issue there is you had to go to the meeting in December." Commissioner Lucas asked "That is my next question, how did you know about this? How do average people learn about these grant dollars?" Mr. Parker responded "Because of my role as a librarian is I search for grants every day. If I see one like today, I saw one today that was just issued today, they opened it up for the Office of Juvenile Justice out of the Department of Justice for juvenile reentry. That was for \$250,000 but it has to be a municipality and only a government agency can do it. It has to be a local government, an Indian tribe or a state. With that money my thought was immediately with building a new jail there are kids that are between 16 and 24 that are coming out of detention centers and some of them will come back here. The ordinary person would just have to look online. What I end up doing is registering with grants.gov which is the US Department. What happens is you sign up for what you want to hear about. I signed up for USDA because there are projects that will serve this county that the USDA gives. I sign up for Women's Issues in terms of Health and Human Services, FDA, DDA which is Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce, Housing, HUD, anything that deals with housing, job employment, criminal justice, agriculture, anything I feel will fit Caswell County. I will forward the information to anyone I think can use them. I have sent some to the manager and sometimes it is just a FYI so I just send the information to whoever I have the information for. My experience is I spent 15 years with New Development Corporation in Durham County and you develop a network. My network included the United Durham Incorporated in which I was president. From that I learned about the EDA which is Economic Development Administration. I was also on the council for the Arts Council. All of that will bring money here. United Durham is almost 40 years old. Of the 40 years I worked with them for 15 years and 7 years as the president of that. With the arts I served 15 years at the St. Joseph's Historic foundation and we received money from Smith Reynolds, the Humanities Council, and what not to bring arts and culture. With that experience coming here I have put that same experience and gave that experience to the Historical Association, the Library Board, Friends Board as well as DEEDS. My commitment and I have explained this to a lot of people is there is a part of the Bible that says to give talents according to the ability. I feel this pressure that I have been given a lot of talents that don't belong to me. I am just a conduit of those talents. When God comes back to ask me what did I do with the talents I have to give an account. So for me to come to Yanceyville over 6 years ago and have all of this experience and if I don't share that experience then I am going to be held accountable. I have also served as a Library Board Trustees chairman for three years. I have been treasurer of the Raleigh Durham

Airport Authority. I received my MBA in '83. I have a library degree. These are not mine they belong to the people." Commissioner Lucas asked "So the main focus of the grant is to rehabilitate the building?" Mr. Parker responded "We have to rehab the building first. There is a parallel program there. We have program planning and we have physical planning."

Commissioner Lucas continued "Do you have specific programs in mind or than I know it said community career resource and cultural center?" Mr. Parker responded "I mentioned the Youth Build. The Youth Build Program is a program that targets youth, kids under 24 that do not have a GED. They do not have any skills. My evaluation coming to Yanceyville and Caswell County, my first thing is let's look at the school system because I take it like a business person and look at the school system's performance and ask do I have a trainable population. When I came here the school system scores were: the black students were passing at grade level 39% that meant that 69% of them were failing. The white students were passing at 60% and failing at 40%. Then I looked at the population at Bartlett Yancey and it was almost 50-50 so either way I looked at it 50% of the students were failing. If I were a business corporation trying to bring a business here I would say well 50% of the high school population is failing I don't have a trainable staff. We have to ask ourselves, even when Wal-Mart came that was their question can I get trainable people to work in my store." Commissioner Lucas asked "So this kind of serves as a small business incubator at some point in time?" Mr. Parker responded "The incubator is one part but you also have to have training. We have to training in agri-tourism or historic tourism I think is our best bet. Then we need to train people how to cook. There is a cafeteria that can be worked into a training cafeteria. They train people in the prison system down in Orange County to cook. Those people end up cooking at K&W and places like that. We can train them here those who are not in prison and start to establish the kind of restaurants business like when you looked at the Yancey House. It was a drawing card for people to come and hear our story. They came to hear our story about the murder at the courthouse. They came to hear our story about Henrietta Jeffries. Mike Willis told the stories there as the people were eating off the floor. What do you mean? Well he took the boards off the floor and made tables out of them so they were really eating off the floor. The Thomas Day story. Those kinds of stories people will come to hear but we have to create businesses that will help bring them. Go down West Main, to me they are the most beautiful houses on the street. How do we get them back to the form that would attract more people? What I see is Williamsburg because a lot of these buildings look just like the buildings in Williamsburg. The stucco house just image the bushes but back, that building can be restored just like this courthouse. That building is almost just as old as this courthouse. We have Don Golin. There is a story we need to tell about Don Golin and we need to train in historic preservation. How do we train people to make plaster and to preserve these buildings that is what we are talking about when we say community resources."

Commissioner Lucas asked "Do you know if there is any funding available through the Historic Preservation through the state?" Mr. Parker responded "The national trust for Historic Preservation through the mainstream program they have grants but a lot of their grants require matching amounts. There are a lot of them out there. As a community we need to embrace what we have and embrace the vision. When people talk bad about us and we don't feel like it is true just leave it because it does not apply to us." Commissioner Lucas continued "My only concern is and I applaud your efforts and I really encourage your efforts but my concern is the amount and what is left available for the community for other purposes. That is my only question, what is the amount that is available to our community?" Mr. Parker responded "Tonight was the first time I heard there was more than \$500,000. I will look at that tonight when I get home or as

soon as I can get to a computer and I will call the contacts that I know.” Commissioner Lucas continued “That is my only hesitation about it.” Mr. Parker responded “What happens is we find out, I was in a meeting in November and they said there is going to be a meeting in December and I said what meeting?” Commissioner Lucas stated “That’s it. How do you know about these meetings? Do you have keep a check on Commerce’s website? Is that what you have to do?” Mr. Parker responded “You almost have to look, for example I wrote a grant, I was on vacation and my wife will tell you I am on the computer until 11:00 or 12:00 at night looking for this stuff trying to find money. I go through about a case of paper just trying to print out this stuff to the point that what are you going to do with that. Well I will save it because someone else may need it. Just to give an example, last June 27th I was going on vacation for the week of 4th of July I notice something on there that said Town Enhancement, a building grant, from the Rural part of the Commerce Department. They said the meeting was going to be on the 29th which was 2 days later. I decided to use my vacation day and to go to Raleigh to see what was going on. I found out there was funding on 15 grants at \$50,000 a piece. Now this is June 29th you had to have the grant in to the state department by July 22nd. So if this is June 29th and we did not have a month to do it and we had to have 10 days notice before a hearing. I go to the meeting but the next week is the 4th of July. The County Commissioners did not have a meeting nor did the Town. The Town met the 12th and we were able to get the Town to put the public hearing on because they were willing to be partners with DEEDS. With their strategic plan they needed to work with a community organization and DEEDS is a community organization that they wanted to work with and this was even before I got to town. Here we are on July 12th, the public hearing notice on the 11th says on the meeting on the 12th we will have a public hearing and the public hearing had to be 10 days later which meant July 22nd, the day the application was due at 5:00. It had to have a post office stamp, a post mark not from a Pitney Bowes machine but one from the post office. Our post office closes at 4:30. We could not write the grant before it got approved at the public hearing and because it was a vacation day for me on that Friday I worked all day and put it together and got it to the post office at 4:15. We got it in but they were only going to give away 15 of them. What happens is some people will not call you because you are not in the network. Some people will call you because you are in their network and say Cathy guess what and you say what and they tell you all of this stuff. If you are far away from your group or your circle then you might not know. What I am finding out is we are really competing against eastern North Carolina. Northern Piedmont sometimes does not get grants because sometimes we are not at the table. All I am saying is whether I take vacation days to get someone to represent Caswell and I am able to be there that is part of the responsibility I find that is put on me from a higher level.” Commissioner Lucas asked “If you are awarded the half a million dollar grant what specifically are you going to do with the money?” Mr. Parker responded “Specifically we are going to replace the roof. What is good about the Dillard building is it was built at a time when we did have concrete beams with steel bars in the concrete. Then you have concrete blocks and brick. That building has a clay tile lay. When the first level of cement was put in it and there is a tile what was put in it that does not rot. Like houses they have a wood lay where the termites have a fun time with it if they get into it.” Commissioner Lucas continued “So the building is really well constructed?” Mr. Parker responded “Beyond most people’s imagination. The only thing I think we have the biggest problem with is the glass. Glass is often the target of young pitchers they want to make sure that they can get the rock through it. \$500,000 would give us the kind of roof that would last at least 40 years. To dry the building out we need to re-plumb the building, rewire the building because we are talking about 1951 wiring standards with

the breaker systems. If you go in an old building you will see the old breakers or the fuses. Also and we all never want to say asbestos. You have to remove the asbestos. You have to remove the lead. When you look at this big project of lead abatement, asbestos abatement, once you ever say you want to abate some lead or asbestos it seems like all contractors the first thing they say is it will cost a million. This resource is for all of Caswell County. It is for the community. It is not a black thing. It is not a white thing. It is Caswell County. The question that I ask is, we saw the stimulus come to Yanceyville and houses on North Street got rehabilitated and up Wall Street. My question is how many bags of groceries were bought by the contractors? How many of them took their paycheck home back to Caswell County? Zero. My response is Yanceyville received the stimulus money, the contractors got stimulated and we got rehab. With this \$500,000 our plan is to make sure that we can get local contractors if it is nothing more than local laborers to help and to have them spend money to buy groceries here and buy things here.”

Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to approve a letter of support for the DEEDS organization to apply for the North Carolina Catalyst grant. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hall stated “Before we get into any discussions and before we vote because of my involvement with DEEDS I will abstain from voting.” Mr. Ferrell responded “The commissioners are generally required to vote on every motion the rest of the Board can vote to excuse you if you have involvement with DEEDS. The rest of the Board will have to vote to allow you to abstain.”

Commissioner Lucas moved, seconded by Commissioner Williamson to allow the Chairman to abstain from voting during the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lucas asked “Chairman Hall my only concern is what is the balance left available to the community? I know we have conflicting numbers on that.” Mr. Parker responded “I can share another tidbit of information we found out just last week. As this is due April 30th. They will have a new program starting in May. This is just like the one that was release last year. They put it on the fast track to get it out and that is what is happening again. I think the opportunity for other organizations and I think if you look at what Shannon White is doing on the side of the United Way and trying to get all the information together to have a Clearinghouse so people will know what is available. To be frank and honest with you we have missed the boat on a lot of things. Because of the network I have we were able to apply for \$300,000 for a 21st Century After School Program because someone had research that and told me that I may want to apply for this since you are up there in Caswell County and Caswell County Schools is on this list. I am just saying there is going to be money available and we need to get our name out there. I will be more than glad to put your name on that mailing list so you will get the word as well.” Commissioner Lucas responded “Please.”

Upon a vote of the motion, the motion carried unanimously with Chairman Hall abstaining.

PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN CASWELL COUNTY

Dr. Aline Kent came before the Board and made the following statement:

“My secretary is passing out the information that I will be speaking about tonight so that you will copies. Thank you Commissioner Hall and Commissioners for allowing me to be here this evening to speak to the Commissioners and to present a program that I believe is quite vital to our community but is missing. The information I will not go word for word on some of it but it is a resource for you. I have included my curriculum at the end of this folder. Let me begin by explaining a little bit about myself and why I am here. I am an International Board Certified Pastoral Counselor and for over 18 years I have had counseling and mental health programs with at-risk population. Currently I am a professor at Liberty University online with the School of Psychology and an Assistant Professor in the Graduate School of Counseling and Family Studies at Liberty. I hold a Bachelor’s degree in Theology and a Master’s Degree in Human Relations. My Doctorate is in Christian Counseling. I wrote the program that is called ‘New Directions’ as my vision to offer comprehensive positive change for those who are suffering with addictions and wishing to have recovery. I have identified my advisory board. My mission statement is ‘New Directions is committed to facilitating positive change for those needing supportive faith-based care in their addictions recovery and sobriety.’ When I say addictions I mean everything from what we would consider cocaine, crack, marijuana, all the way through the most pervasive and upcoming addictions which are pornography and sex addictions. Addictions have no respect of persons as you will learn in a minute. ‘In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence and his children shall have a place of refuge.’ as the scripture tells us in Proverbs 14. I want to provide a safe refuge of recovery for all who enter our doors. Underneath and throughout recovery, to offer all participants love, understanding, encouragement, discipline, stability, motivation, commitment, and faithfulness of the staff and volunteers. We walk together, never alone. The types of services I presently offer: a weekly support program which is a 36 week comprehensive, cognitive behavioral program that meets at Lively Stones Baptist Church in Pelham on Wednesdays from noon until 1:30. The program is \$2 a meeting. It is unheard of in cost but the reason I can be so cheap is because our church offers our facility free of charge and I offer my services free of charge. As far as I know there is no other addictions support program in our county at this time that is not absorbingly cost prohibited to most of the people who need the services. I deliberately provide an opportunity to come and have the support they need every week but also to educate and to allow family members. This is for adults, men and women, and it is an opportunity to sit at the table and to learn about the addictions, why of the addictions as well as to learn how to recover and to sustain that recovery. I have several people who are with me tonight that are supporting this program that are already volunteering every week and have the same heart for our people as I do. I really appreciate ya’ll taking the time to be here tonight. You will hear from one of them in a few minutes and about her own personal journey to recovery. We also provide a mentoring program to the participants, they are matched with a volunteer mentor, someone that they can call, they can reach toward, Mike Ligon is my coordinator for that program to offer encouragement and accountability in their recovery. We also have a Friends and Family Fellowship. No one can recover without support. True friends and family are crucial to recovery of an addict so every fifth Wednesday we offer a social to try to educate and encourage the support of family and friends. Let me give you some statistics. Studies have found that helping addicts recover does much for the community at large. Here is a

summary of some studies conducted by governmental agencies. I did not want to give you pages and pages I have just chosen four. For every additional dollar invested in addictions treatment, the taxpayer saves \$7.48 in societal costs including the cost of incarceration. Substance abuse treatment cuts drug use in half, reduces criminal activity up to 80 percent, and reduces arrests up to 64 percent. According to several conservative estimates, every \$1 invested in addiction treatment programs yields a return of between \$4 and \$7 in reduced drug-related crime, criminal justice costs, and theft alone. When savings related to health care are included, total savings can exceed costs by a ratio of 12:1. Recent studies show that after six months, treatment for alcoholism is successful for 40 to 70 percent of patient/clients; cocaine treatment is successful for 50 to 60 percent and opiate which is drugs and medication primarily for pain is 50 to 80 percent. Let me talk to you about the disease of addiction. Today in 2012, the disease of addiction is no longer a small problem within Caswell County and surrounding areas. There is an established and expanding drug culture that is intensely affecting our homes and families. Addiction was seeded in our communities years ago and today has become firmly rooted in Caswell County. Drugs may be found in any of the schools, public or private, from elementary to university; in any workplace; in any jail and institution; and in any neighborhood. Drugs are easily located and purchased throughout the entire nation. Caswell County is not an exception. The phenomenon of the drug culture has born a great show across much of the United States. The disease of addiction looms threateningly and menacingly to steal and devour many of our citizens into a nightmare of misfortune, pain and suffering, as well as death. The world of active addiction is quite different than social usage and weekend recreation. Addiction usually begins as casual experimentation and easily expands into a physical, mental, and spiritual disease. If addiction is not arrested, the ending results are always correctional facilities, mental institutions, and death. It is important to note that these three results are not necessarily in that order. Society, in general, has the mistaken assumption that addicts are immoral, unethical, contemptible and criminal "street people". The simple truth is that addicts come from all walks of life: dysfunctional and healthy families; poverty stricken and wealthy homes; all ages and all professions from every culture throughout the world. It has been proven that the disease of addiction is primarily a genetic disease. Just as diseases such as cancer, heart illnesses and diabetes are usually inherited from ancestors, so is addiction. Many addicts are born with a physical metabolism that cannot process drug chemicals normally. For example, a non-addict may have a glass of wine without complications. Usually when an addict has a glass of wine, he or she cannot stop drinking. When in active addiction, the addict is usually unaware or in denial that he or she is an addict, is unfamiliar with the disease itself, and is much less aware that recovery is possible. It is my professional opinion that addiction must be addressed from a holistic comprehensive approach. We must meet the needs, all the needs, of the addict and his or her family. Addiction affects everyone in the community and so is everyone's responsibility. The National Institute of Mental Health as of 2009 says that the average person begins using a substance at the age of 9. Did you hear me? 9 years old. That is such a tragedy but it is true and it is true in our community as well. There are presently resources in our community from government agencies to non-profit programs and churches that I believe are wealthy with programs and volunteers. We want to invite everyone to the table to help us provide the needed services of the residents. Together we can better serve those who need our services instead of sending our residents outside our county. We could bring these services in-house, assess the client, and provide the services needed. And, all of this would be done in our own community, at New Directions. It is not our intention to duplicate services provided by other entities, but to be

a compliment and resource for our community. It is our desire to work with and not against those already providing care. But because I am being inundated by requests for New Directions' services, there is a gap which needs to be filled. Research has proven that unless the recovering addict is not supported while working through his recovery he will fail. He will fail, not because he did not try, no one wants to be addicted, but because the program was not long enough and did not address all his needs. Also, the program was not comprehensive in its approach such as education or life skills instruction. These are some examples of people that I have had come across my office and my services. Their names are certainly not real but they do give you an example of what I face. An eleven year old John started using drugs from the "stash" next to his dad's recliner because his dad had a bad back. He would swallow the pills with the leftover Bud Light also on the table. When he went to middle school it was vodka and marijuana. 'You can hide vodka in your soda bottle and nobody knows.' John was not the best student in his class, but he wasn't the worst either. But by the time he got to the 9th grade, his grades were slipping, he was skipping school regularly and his school counselor had meetings with his mom regularly. Nothing was ever done though. 'I get yelled at, promised to do better, and they'd let me go.' High school really excited John and he dove right into it, especially the parties. He was on pills which he called "candy" because there was a candy dish for everyone to use along with the pizza and cola. But he really like the cocaine – the high was really high! He could really check out and feel great when he was high. He liked that. But now John is 24, can't find a job, dropped out in the 11th grade, sits on the couch in his grandmother's house all day, wishing his life was different. 'Yeah, doc, my parents washed their hands of me when I came out of my last rehab, he's been in three in the last 5 years. They keep paying for those vacations (laughing).' John is in my office because he was arrested for possession and distribution – he sold cocaine to an undercover cop. The judge ordered him into some residential treatment but nobody will pay for him to do so and his grandmother called me out of desperation. She is on a fixed income and there is no insurance. They might qualify for Medicaid. So, what do I tell John and his grandmother? Right now, I have to tell him there's nothing I can do to help him because there is no residential recovery facility in our county. In fact, there is very little in the way of treatment for him except New Directions Support Group which meets on Wednesdays. But John needs much more. Or, we can talk about Susan who is a 43 year old divorced mother of three who has been using cocaine, marijuana, and alcohol 'since I was 13.'"

Chairman Hall asked "Dr. Kent I think we get the need for the services. What I would ask is if you would is to address to this Board what your expectations of the Board are?" Dr. Kent responded "I appreciate that Mr. Hall. I think more than anything I want us to recognize that there is a problem and I want us to stop dodging it and start facing it and helping me to find a way to open a facility in our community. I have a small program started and I am seeing people. I've had contact with Judge Galloway and the others and they are all for the program but we have to find a way to meet the need. Right now, almost every day or every other day, I am getting calls from families who need a place to put their loved ones so that they can detox and then can say long enough to actually have treatment. The average detox today is anywhere from 3 to 5 to 8 to 10 days depending upon how much they can pay and how bad the need is and when was the last time they used their Medicaid. But where do they go to do that? Does anybody know? 5 days they can go to Alamance if there is a bed. Danville Hospital does not treat them anymore at all. They can take them to Butner and they will keep them in the ER until they are signed out by a loved one. There is no treatment. They can go to Butner if there is a medical

condition as well so they better have high blood pressure or something else or they will not be admitted. Detox is sent to Galax but that is at most 30 days but there is nothing for them afterwards. I have learned in all of my experience that I have to treat the whole person, everything in their life. Why did they use? What's missing in their life and help them to work through the changes that they need and sustain that long enough in a controlled residential environment that keeps them away from those friends that they have who keep them addicted until they learn what normal is like. Many of them don't know normal. They have never lived it. If they have they don't know how to do it independently. They need a long term facility. My program is from 6 months to 2 years. It is a 3 phase program which begins with detox and lock down for 30 days. There is no contact with anyone and they are immediately brought into their beginning education. As they move through the program they begin to earn privileges and opportunities and resources that are available. But through it all are the people that love and support them and help them to learn how to change and to do it with the idea that they are going to be sustained and encouraged long enough so that the new normal, a life without addiction, becomes normal for them and to live it out. There are programs in our country that do this but at minimum they are \$10,000 a month. I don't know anyone that could afford that and insurance does not pay for it. We have got to find a way or we are going to lose a lot of our community because addiction is not getting better. It is getting worse. I would like first of all to acknowledge the need and ladies and gentlemen I don't know what is out there that is available and what can be done but I would like to come to the table with anyone and everyone that would like to help me and see what we can do. If there is money available somewhere put me in the direction of the money. If there are other people in the community that are going to do this and need to do this or want to help me do it, then help me find them and encourage and support us while we do it. I may need to come back and ask to go through the Rural Center to find a location and to find the funding. Right now I am just acknowledging the need and I am bringing it to the Board to also acknowledge it and to offer support to help me and whether or not that is possible."

Chairman Hall stated "I think I understand. At this point we do have a mental health program that is in transition and Alamance-Caswell should address those issues. I think that would be a good place to start with them. The entity that is being established is with PBH." Dr. Kent responded "I have already made cursory contact with them." Chairman Hall stated "I think that would be my recommendation on where to start. This Board does not directly get involved in mental health but we do have some responsibilities and we handle that responsibility through Alamance-Caswell." Dr. Kent responded "You mentioned Social Services. As far as I know the Social Services here sends everyone to Alamance. I have a young lady that left last week and had to go to Alamance because there was nothing here. I have been in contact with everyone that I know of that works with Alamance/Caswell. Again that is out patient work. What about those that need more? Any resource Mr. Hall and anyone that know anything, I thought this would be a good place to come because I know so many people in the community come to you. I thought this would be a good place to start and I am not here right now asking for any money, I just want resources because surely with everyone that is out in our community we can find a way to pull our resources together and work together to do this. I would just like a place at the table and to be able to meet with those people who are wanting to help. I appreciate your time so much. If anyone has any questions or comments or would like to contact me my information is on the first page. Thank you so much. I appreciate your time.

DETENTION CENTER UPDATE AND CHANGE ORDER

Mr. Justin Doyne stated “Good evening Commissioners. As you can see down there the construction is moving along pretty quickly now. All the slabs on grade are complete. The actual slab on deck was completed today so pretty much all of the structural concrete work is complete. Exterior brick veneer probably 65% and it will continue on for the next 30 to 40 days. The masonry for the second floor of the housing unit probably will take another two weeks and it will be complete. Once the mason finishes, Bordeaux will start forming up the ceilings for the cells, the concrete for the ceilings. HM Kerns started to install the structural steel. They will continue the structural steel construction through April. Mechanical, plumbing and electrical prime contractors are all coordinated. They are making sure that all the plumbing, electrical and mechanical are roughed in. I do have one change order to discuss. Any questions about the building right now?”

Mr. Doyne continued “There is one change order that has to do with 3 unsuitable areas of soil that were found. Two of them were found under the existing parking lot over there and one was found below the Health Center where the new road ties into Park Avenue. The total for the change is \$13,800. SM&E documented all of it and this was per SM&E’s instructions.”

Commissioner Lucas asked “My concern is with the unsuitable soil?” Mr. Doyne responded “Yes ma’am.” Commissioner Lucas continued “Was this not engineer soil tested early on?” Mr. Doyne responded “Yes it was by ACS.” Commissioner Lucas asked “Was this part included in that testing?” Howard responded “As I stated earlier, the original testing was done just around the foot print of the building. I have this information coming from the firm stating that the original testing was done on the foot print of the building and based on that testing they may request additional testing to be done if they found anything in those tests. The original five bores did not indicate any problems and we have had no problems underneath the foot print of the building as far as the soils tested. This has been in the areas of the parking lot where materials were dumped or in the lower areas where we found out recently that there was a pond there at some point in time so you had alluvial soils there from that pond.” Commissioner Lucas stated “Mr. Howard we keep hearing that over and over again about the actual location of the soil and the pond and everything but at some point it looks like the group that did the soil testing would be responsible for the additional costs if the soils were not suitable to start with. I just don’t think it should come out of the detention center budget.” Mr. Howard responded “When I get the letter from the architects I will be bringing that to you and if you want to pursue that that is something that we can but what the letter states is the original five bores that were requested from the company there were not issues in those five borings.” Commissioner Lucas continued “We are having to do additional borings because...” Mr. Howard responded “We are not doing additional borings. The additional borings, once we got to the wall we had to do additional borings for the wall area was based on not going through with that project because it was going to cost so much to make that wall stable. We changed it to the slope bank.” Commissioner Lucas asked “Under the detention center expenditure report as of February 29th under Architect Fees and Special Testing there is a negative balance of \$14,193, what is that? Why is there a negative balance?” Mr. Howard responded “I think I explained this at the last commissioners’ meeting I don’t have my notes but there were some things that were placed in that last year before we did the actual budget for the actual project it moved into that line item because of how

it was located. I can get that breakdown and send it out for all the commissioners to see how that is done but I don't have that information with me right now." Commissioner Lucas continued "The special testing for \$77,500 is that for soil testing?" Mr. Howard responded "That special testing was for construction testing. That does not include the other soil testing."

Commissioner Satterfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to approve the change order for the detention center.

Commissioner Lucas asked "Would it not be prudent to at least check to see if the engineers would assume the cost of this?" Mr. Howard responded "In my opinion, that is something that can be addressed." Commissioner Lucas continued "It just seems like we are spending a lot of money. We are bringing soil in for when you say undercut between old sheriff's office and new sheriff's office 482 cu. yds. to remove, that is taking it out \$4500 and then you are spending \$5,000 to bring it in, is that correct?" Mr. Doyne responded "Yes ma'am. Those were the overall prices that came in with the job. There was additional pricing when we got the bid for unit pricing and that is what those prices are based on." Commissioner Lucas continued "Where will these unsuitable soils be disposed of?" Mr. Doyne responded "Off site?" Commissioner Lucas asked "Where? Or has it already been done?" Mr. Doyne responded "Some of it has already been done. I don't ask where it goes to once it leaves the site." Mr. Howard added "Once the contractor takes the soil it is their soil. We don't determine that. They provide the area to dispose of it." Commissioner Lucas continued "So do they just look around and..." Mr. Doyne responded "They usually have an agreement and that is usually worked out before they put a number on the job. It would not be responsible for them to bid the job and then try to find a place for it after they do it." Commissioner Lucas asked "It is not contaminated though?" Mr. Doyne responded "No ma'am alluvial soils are..." Commissioner Lucas continued "It is just unsuitable soils." Mr. Doyne continued "It is a clay, plastic soil that when you press it it is full of water so it is just like a sponge, it will dissipate. So essentially your parking lot on top would eventually fail." Commissioner Lucas asked "I guess my question is can we use it on county property where there is construction currently going on or where changes are being made or?" Mr. Doyne responded "You can maybe make clay pots. It is like clay material that you would do some artwork with or something like that. It is almost like glue."

Upon a vote of the motion to approve the change order for the detention center, the motion carried by a vote of four to two with Commissioners Lucas and Travis voting no.

CHANGE ORDER FOR NEW DETENTION CENTER PARKING

Mr. Howard stated "At the request of the commissioners I approached the Town of Yanceyville with the prospect of entering into a multi year lease on their parking lot to get extra parking spaces. In your packets you have a response from the Town Manager on that possibility. Basically what he said was he would not recommend that to his board. They want the required on site spaces. He would recommend doing that in addition to this parking but they would want us to build additional parking to meet that requirement. I have included that email, a copy of their zoning ordinance which lays that out and also a copy of the original email he sent me back in August when we first addressed this issue. Any questions about the information?"

Chairman Hall asked "If I recall this change order for parking was for \$74,099." Mr. Howard responded "Yes sir."

Commissioner Lucas asked "In lieu of the change order and what is being proposed could we consider maybe another alternative. I spoke with a DOT engineer this afternoon, Mr. Julian, I think we have mentioned this before but the street, Church Street, in from of the courthouse and between the courthouse and the municipal building is pretty much useless. There is a blind spot at the spot at the top of the hill. If the Town would be in agreement to put together a resolution of abandonment on that stretch of street there, I don't know what it would cost to make that into additional parking spaces, but it would connect the municipal building and the courthouse. There would still be access to 86 from County Park Road and by the street by the sheriff's department. Make that all one parking complex. We would need a resolution from the Board of Commissioners and one from the Town of Yanceyville." Mr. Howard responded "My only concern with that would be that is not county property. Their zoning states that all the parking has to on site and on our property." Commissioner Lucas continued "That would be our property, up to the street. But if you abandon the street..." Mr. Ferrell responded "There are specific statutes about where the fee to an underline right of way reverts on a statutory abandonment of a right of way. It is a complex series of exercises but assuming there is an abandonment the general principle is the fee of the underline right of way goes to the adjoining landowners and is divided amongst the adjoining landowners. There would be a series of steps that would need to be followed to get to where you are talking about but whether or not the county would even have the legal ownership or the ability to own that land for it to be considered on-site is a substantial title research project."

Chairman Hall asked "Mr. Howard tell us again how many spaces this will give us." Mr. Howard responded "We estimate between forty to fifty spaces. That is more than what we need to provide."

Commissioner Satterfield stated "I was just wondering, the road even if it is abandoned the road would have to stay there to serve the Town of Yanceyville's old building and probation and so forth. Where does the additional parking come in?" Commissioner Lucas responded "We would have to create a parking lot. You are talking about spending \$75,000 for additional parking I am just saying it could be done maybe at a lesser cost. The road would be incorporated into an entrance and an exit for both facilities. It is just thinking outside of the box. I am trying to be creative. Plus there is a hazard at the top of that hill. There is a blind spot. If you travel that street very often you will realize there is a danger there for county employees and town employees as well and anyone who is going to the courthouse."

Chairman Hall stated "I don't have a problem with thinking outside the box but the timing of this project, what you are suggesting, could take years." Commissioner Lucas responded "Not according to the engineer." Chairman Hall continued "You are talking about two different political entities that have to make a decision." Commissioner Lucas responded "That wants to work together and I think it would be a good project to work together on. It would solve problems both ways." Chairman Hall stated "You are little more optimistic than I am about this."

Commissioner Lucas asked "Chairman Hall what kind of time frame are we talking about? Do we not have time to look into this option or...?" Chairman Hall responded "You can ask my personal opinion; I don't have a professional one as an architect or an engineer. We can ask the county manager or the construction manager." Commissioner Lucas continued "Could we not at least consult with DOT and report back to the Board by the next meeting. Does action have to be taken before then?" Mr. Howard responded "The only thing that could change between now and the next meeting would be the price. The reason why the asphalt will change is because of the oil prices. They agreed to extend the proposal to April 9th. After that date it could go up based on the changes in oil prices. The only other time issue is this particular contractor is on site until June or July, the cost of this option would go up due to them not being on site and we would have to pay start up fees."

Chairman Hall stated "This also goes back to the zoning requirement. The parking needs to be settled. The Town has to approve what we need to meet their zoning requirements." Mr. Howard responded "For Yanceyville to sign off on the certificate of occupancy we would have to have that parking settled prior to going into the building in which we are hoping to do in November. Some type of issue would have to be resolved by November for them to approve that we have met their zoning requirements." Commissioner Lucas asked "When do we meet jointly with the Town?" Mr. Howard responded "April 24th."

Commissioner Satterfield stated "You know Mr. Chairman when we had that walking tour and inspected the buildings we talked about a possible parking lot between Section 8 and DSS but we would have to go in there and remove some trees or either work around those trees. The cost of the construction of the parking lot, I don't know the number of spacing spaces but it may be the same no matter whether it is there or where they are talking about putting it in between DSS and the new jail facility. I do agree with you when you say there is some sort of a safety factor there but if we abandon that street then somebody has to pay for the up keep of that street once it gets off the state system. There will be a cost incurred to keep that street up." Commissioner Lucas responded "I don't see it so much as a separate street. I see it as being part of the parking lot with an entrance and an exit." Commissioner Satterfield continued "But you have to have a street for people to get in and out of there." Commissioner Lucas responded "An entrance and an exit but it will be incorporated into the actual parking lot." Commissioner Satterfield stated "You would not be incorporating much because it is just two lanes there. You have to have a lane going out of the parking lot and a lane coming into the parking lot so you are not going to be able to use part of the road for parking, I don't think. If somebody is coming in so go up to the old Town Hall and then somebody is leaving you have to have enough room for two lanes of traffic there." Commissioner Lucas responded "It would be like a short drive."

Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Williamson to approve the change order for the new detention center parking lot.

Commissioner Lucas asked "Where is the \$74,000 coming from?" Mr. Howard responded "It will come out of the project contingency line, out of project funds." Commissioner Lucas continued "So what does that leave in contingency now?" Mr. Doyme responded "Roughly \$160,000." Commissioner Lucas asked "And it started out at over \$300,000 is that right?" Mr. Howard responded "Three twenty-five."

Upon a vote of the motion, the motion carried by a vote of five to one with Commissioner Lucas voting no.

RFP FOR UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Mr. Brian Collie, County Planner, came before the Board.

Mr. Collie stated “Good evening commissioners. If you remember or recall back in early 2010 a motion was passed by the Board of Commissioners to allow the N.C. Commerce Division of Community Assistance to aid the County in drafting a Unified Development Ordinance. They basically have not made a whole lot of progress on getting that accomplished. They are kind of a voluntary group for us that are not paid for the work. Basically I think their workload is to the extent where this is not a top priority in getting finished. This is a request for proposal seeking qualified planning and land use consultants to consolidate the county’s development requirements to a UDO. This would make sure that all of land development ordinances meet the current regulatory standards, meet legal requirements of state in case law, provide consistencies across regulations through the county, it would eliminate conflicting specifications and duplicated provisions. It would implement planning the strategic priorities in the county to maximize the ease of use for citizens, developers, contractors, county staff and others.”

Chairman Hall asked “So in other words we are at the point of doing an RFP to get someone to handle this for us?” Mr. Collie responded “Yes sir.”

Commissioner Lucas asked “Have you discussed this with the Planning Board? What were their thoughts?” Mr. Collie responded “We talked about it back in 2010 when the Board made the motion to look into allowing the Division of Community Assistance to handle it.” Commissioner Lucas continued “I am just speaking about recently Brian.” Mr. Collie responded “Recently, no.” Commissioner Lucas asked “Does the Planning Board support this?” Mr. Collie responded “Back then yes.” Commissioner Lucas stated “That is all I was asking.”

Commissioner Satterfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to approve to issue and RFP for finding a qualified land use consultant to develop a Unified Development Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW AMBULANCE REQUEST FOR EMS

Mr. Jeff Sicz, EMS Director, and Mr. Barry Lynch, Asst. EMS Director came before the Board.

Mr. Sicz stated “Good evening Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. We are here in quest of funding to remount the current 206 ambulance box onto a new Terra Star International Chassis. You should have a document that explains the current status of all Caswell County ambulances in your packets. Do you have any questions about those?”

Mr. Sicz continued “I believe there are two questions that will need to be resolved tonight prior to your, hopeful, approval of ambulance 206 remount. What would this ambulance bring to

Caswell County EMS and why is it so urgent?” Last week we received the refurbished 204 ambulance box remounted on a Terra Star International Chassis. It is out front and some of you took the pleasure of viewing it. Recently the EMS base received an interior face lift that included painting, carpeting, and new furniture. We have received, through grants the latest in EKG monitoring equipment. We have hired a new, young, and energetic Medical Director, well versed in emergency medicine that will medically guide Caswell County EMS to a significant role in EMS throughout North Carolina. There have been new people hired, some people have departed and an understanding of discipline and teamwork is growing. I tell you this in order that you can visualize the reason for the significant increase in morale. The purchase of this remount would solidify the increasing positive trend in the morale. Seems like a pretty insignificant motive for the purchase of a new remounted ambulance but part of my goal is to change the mindset of the personnel to realize that not all rewards are tangible in nature. A definite increase in the morale at Caswell County EMS is an enormous improvement over the past year. Of a tangible nature, the urgency is based on the scarcity of this particular chassis. It took us six months to get the recently received ambulance once it was ordered. According to the information I was able to obtain, because another ambulance service could not decide if they wanted a new ambulance or not, we were given their chassis. Because of the delay and demand, the dealer released this chassis to Caswell County EMS. Now Caswell County is in the position that if we do not act soon, the chassis that is waiting for us at the manufacturer for production to start, will be allocated to another service with no acquisition date available for another one. Finally, to ensure there is not impression of deception. When we discussed this second ambulance in September 2011, when the first was approved, we stated that there would be approximately a \$7,000.00 savings for a repeat and immediate purchase. That number has become convoluted due to the requirement that the heating and a/c unit on the 206 box requires replacing. However, to compensate for the need to replace the heating and air conditioning unit and the loss of that savings, the dealer has put an approximately \$4,000.00 Stryker Stretcher into ambulance. Again as you can see in your paperwork, it was annotated off to the side of the original invoice indicating that it was not included in the original price. We are not paying for that. Our request this evening is simple. Would you please authorize the remount of old ambulance 206 box onto a new Terra Star International Chassis at a cost of \$108,242.00? Any questions?”

Commissioner Lucas asked “Mr. Sicz is there a problem with waiting? I understand the circumstances with the delay but if we can wait until our budget process. I understand the concern is with the delay?” Mr. Sicz responded “Yes ma’am. There is really no way to predict, when I called and asked them about another date, they literally told me that they could not give me a date on when they could deliver it. That was their verbiage.” Commissioner Lucas continued “Is this the only company that does this?” Mr. Sicz responded “We have checked many places. I am certain there are some a good distance away but you have to consider the cost of getting it here and all of that.” Commissioner Lucas asked “So this will put 5 ambulances in service?” Mr. Sicz responded “Yes ma’am. Once we get the fifth ambulance, once we get 206 then through the proper process we will get rid of 202. That will give us 204 and 206 relatively brand new, 207 from last year, 203 with the new engine, and 205 as the final backup. Instead of having six ambulances to insure, fund and gas we will have five.” Commissioner Lucas asked “And where are we proposing to get the money to pay for this?” Mr. Howard responded “Through our discussions, we would not actually take ownership until next fiscal year, we have

\$100,000 in financing that we would have available next year. We borrowed from the Solid Waste Fund for the current ambulance. We are currently making payments but that will be paid off next year. I propose a two year lease from Solid Waste where we would pay one payment next year and another payment the next fiscal year. We would have all the ambulances pay off in two fiscal years.”

Chairman Hall asked “This would give us how many units on the ground ready to go?” Mr. Sicz responded “Five, sir.” Chairman Hall continued “How many of those five can we staff.” Mr. Sicz responded “Three. We could staff four if the situation arose. We could staff them all if we had to. We have plenty of people but routinely we staff three.”

Commissioner Satterfield asked “Mr. Sicz all of these ambulances are the large ambulances, have you considered anything in a smaller box?” Mr. Sicz responded “Yes sir but I was going to save that until the next budget year. The box we are going to put on the chassis is a box we currently have. It is just being refurbished. A small box, which is called a sprinter ambulance I was going to wait until the new budget year because I have some plans I will present to the Board in the June or July time frame. We are not getting a new box Commissioner; we are using a box that we have refurbished just like 204 was.” Mr. Howard added “Correct me if I am wrong but in previous conversations the sprinter size ambulance is the van type are not large enough to do certain things like travel to Greensboro or in some places we need to go.” Mr. Sicz responded “Correct.” Mr. Howard continued “We really don’t look at those for emergency situations for transport because there is not enough room in the box to work on the person while they are in there.” Commissioner Satterfield asked “How many times do you have two people in the back of an ambulance?” Mr. Sicz responded “I do not have a number but any major traumas, codes, heart attacks, CPRs.” Commissioner Satterfield continued “You have two people back there?” Mr. Sicz responded “Yes sir, we use a first responder to help us drive in that situation.” Mr. Lynch added “It happened twice this week.”

Chairman Hall stated “Mr. Manager my concern is that we are financing a unit now.” Mr. Howard responded “Yes sir.” Chairman Hall continued “And you are suggesting that we finance another one.” Mr. Howard responded “What I am suggesting is if this Board is interested in purchasing an ambulance at this time that is what my recommendation would be.” Chairman Hall stated “Well you said we would get the money from Solid Waste.” Mr. Howard responded “That is where it would come from if we had to buy it right now.” Chairman Hall continued “My thinking is if we are going to finance something we need to look carefully at where we are going to get the money, when we are going to get the money, and there are some other things that concern me that will be discussed later on in the agenda. If we have 4 units and we normally staff 3 I think we can sit tight right now. For the last year or two we have been behind the gun saying we have to have a unit now, they are all in the shop, we don’t have anything to run with and we have been behind the gun all along. That is the way I feel.”

Commissioner Jefferies stated “Mr. Satterfield kind of answered my question. I do a lot of driving to Florida and New York. The thing I am suggesting is to get a smaller ambulance that is better on gas. You said the ambulance has 236,000 miles, my question is what ambulance has done 236,000 miles?” Mr. Sicz responded “236,000 miles for that type of ambulance is at its end almost. The Internationals get 300,000 easy.” Commissioner Jefferies continued “And right

here you said 2005 and 2008 has over 136,000 miles.” Mr. Lynch responded “Well one of those does have a new motor. The motor may last but the rest of the components of the ambulance may not. We are having brake issues now.” Commissioner Jefferies asked “Have you ever thought about getting a medium size ambulance?” Mr. Lynch responded “Actually the International is classified as a medium chassis. The boxes that are on those are the same size as the boxes on the Ford or Chevrolet with the van front give or take a few inches. Those chassis can be driven 150,000 at the most 200,000 miles is the life span. For us to get 220,000, 230,000 miles we are doing good.”

Commissioner Lucas asked “And they are all diesel engines right now?” Mr. Howard responded “What takes a toll on the ambulances is not the actual mileage it is the idle time on scene or at the hospital. That is what adds the hours on there.”

Chairman Hall asked “He talked about the engines and he has talked about the chassis, what is failing?” Mr. Lynch responded “It is a combination. We have had problems with motors and they have been replaced but that is not the only thing we have to worry about. That is not the only component we have to worry about.” Chairman Hall continued “When you said chassis you are talking about other moveable parts. I thought you were talking about the box.” Mr. Lynch responded “The box will be remounted on the new chassis.”

Mr. Sicz stared “A couple of consideration to is we like to keep the ambulances rotated so we don’t wear them out so to speak. We love to run 204, 207 and 206 all the time because they are the brand new ones but that is going to wear them out.” Chairman Hall responded “I don’t have a problem with wearing them out. What I do have a problem with is we had to replace a couple of engines and now we are doing the remounts. My first thought when I read this was if we are going to look at this we also need to look at it from a budget perspective how are we going to pay for these and what is going to happen next year when something else will probably wear out? We have been behind the 8 ball for a year or so that is the way I feel.” Mr. Sicz responded “This would put us ahead of the game. I don’t have any intentions to get another ambulance in a year or two or maybe three years, a large size ambulance like this.”

Commissioner Jefferies stated “I think you need to look at gas savers.”

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to have the County Manager find financing options before the Board spends the money.

Commissioner Lucas asked “Mr. Sicz the potential buyer for 202, who is that?” Mr. Sicz responded “The buyer is still interested as far as the amount of money that depends upon this Board.”

Commissioner Satterfield asked “Unit 205 and Unit 203 both are 2008, are those two units the ones with the new motors?” Mr. Sicz responded “Yes sir. 203 just had the new motor put in it and 205 is the one we had replaced last year.” Commissioner Satterfield continued “Your proposal is to get rid of 202. What is going to be the backup unit? 202 is the backup unit now if one of the others breaks down.” Mr. Sicz responded “206 has been stripped of all the equipment

and is waiting to be taken for the new chassis. 204, 205, and 207 are on the road right now. 203 is at the shop.”

Upon a vote of the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

The Board held a brief recess.

NOTICE OF MEETING CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

Mr. Thomas Bernard, Tax Director, stated “Good evening Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. What I bring before you tonight is the proposed meeting of notice of the meeting of the Board of Equalization and Review with one change in it. We would like to add that we would adjourn at the following Board meeting on May 21, 2012. We will have the meeting and the adjournment in one advertisement.”

Mr. Ferrell added “The general statutes require the Board of Equalization and Review in its three time publication of its public notice that have the first meeting date, the date it expects to meet subsequent to the first meeting, and the date of adjournment. We have the first meeting date in there to build in a little lead way assuming there are some items that the Board may want to carry over to the next meeting we propose to include the second meeting in May as the Board of Equalization and Review’s second meeting and then plan to adjourn at that second meeting. There will be a slight amendment to what is before you to add those dates in.”

Chairman Hall asked “Mr. Bernard would you tell us why we are having this Board of Equalization and Review?” Mr. Bernard responded “It is required by general statute 105-322.” Chairman Hall continued “What does that mean other than it is required by the general statute?” Mr. Bernard responded “We may not have anyone on the agenda but we are required to publish it in the paper and have it in case someone wants to come to appeal something.” Chairman Hall asked “Who can come forward at this meeting?” Mr. Bernard responded “The taxpayers of Caswell County. We can only deal with property owned here in the county.” Chairman Hall continued “Taxpayers with concerns about their tax values as of what date?” Mr. Bernard responded “Most of them will come with the value they are now. Is that right Mr. Ferrell?” Mr. Ferrell responded “The value they would essentially be challenging is the value as it was set during the County’s last revaluation.” Chairman Hall responded “That’s my point. We have not had a reval in 5 years right?” Mr. Ferrell responded “2008 if I am not mistaken.” Chairman Hall asked “So why do we expect anybody to come and challenge the 2008 revals? This notice is going to be somewhat misleading when they see it in the paper.” Mr. Ferrell responded “They can come on the current tax value. For instance it may be an instance where someone has recently purchased a piece of property and this may be their first opportunity to get their tax bill challenged. There are a variety of reasons why they may come forward now but even if they have owned the reval they can still challenge it. The basis for the appeal will have to be that the valuation done in 2008 was incorrectly applied or done at that time. General fallen market prices, for instance, is not subject to a valid appeal.” Chairman Hall continued “That is what I want to make clear. That is what I want to make clear. We had taxpayers come last year to

challenge their values and one was told it was too late. When we publish this thing we need to make it clear as to why they can come forward.” Mr. Ferrell responded “Perhaps an addition would be to reference the North Carolina General Statute that sets out the basis for the appeal. It would entail a lengthy public notice otherwise.” Chairman Hall stated “The reason I asked him like I did is because of the general statutes, as a lay person let’s tell them something without having to get an attorney to interpret the statutes.” Mr. Bernard responded “We can break that down into a more lengthy advertisement. It just will be more costly but we can do that. I will run it by Mr. Ferrell before we put it in the paper.” Chairman Hall stated “I am not necessarily suggesting this but I want you to know what my concerns are. I don’t want citizens to come before us and we say well we can’t do that. That has happened in the past. You told us that even if the citizens have not signed up they can come before the board that night.” Mr. Ferrell responded “That is exactly right, that is why the notice is so important that we let you know when our first meeting is, when the second meeting is and the proposed adjournment date is because walk ins count. We can certainly clarify that piece in the public notice. There is some language in there that they should notify you of the appeal and obviously that is the preferred course so it can be included in the agenda, etc. but they can walk in.”

Chairman Hall asked “Without delaying this process and without making this significantly longer can you think of a way to modifying some of the wording in here?” Mr. Ferrell responded “I think I can develop with the tax director a paragraph that talks about what the Board of Equalization and Review does and what the point of these hearings of the Board of Equalization and Review are in a five sentence paragraph that would help a little bit to help the public to know what this appeals process is about. I think we can add some substance in one more paragraph.” Chairman Hall continued “We need to get this done in a certain time frame.” Mr. Ferrell responded “We do. We are actually set, the state law actually dictates when the first meeting of the board happens and it the meeting we have listed here.” Mr. Bernard added “We ought to be able to get that paragraph done in order to get it to the paper to meet those requirements.” Mr. Ferrell stated “Certainly.”

Chairman Hall asked “Fellow board members do you have a problem with approving this without seeing the additional paragraph?” Commissioner Satterfield responded “I think it is going to be somewhat difficult to explain. I think you are right Mr. Chairman I think people misinterpret exactly what E & R is all about. Everyone thinks well my home value has dropped in the last few years or since 2008. I had a gentleman approach me not too long ago and he was refinancing his property I guess and he said his value was seventy to eighty thousand dollars less than what he was paying taxes on. He said you need to have a revaluation. I said well a revaluation is going to cost four or five hundred thousand to get done. I said it is not going to change your tax bill probably because the county has to have x number of dollars to operate so if your values go down your rate is going up accordingly to get the same dollar amount. You could end up with problems from a state standpoint by having higher values than it should be. I just don’t know how you are going to explain this to people because that really does not enter into the picture. What we are looking at is what it was in 2008.” Mr. Ferrell stated “What we are looking at is was the schedule properly applied or was there a mistake? Again it is a complicated area of law so you are right to give someone a firm understanding in a public notice like this is near impossible because of the complications. What I would propose or what I could explain is the purpose of the Board of Equalization and Review is which may allow people to say well this

is what they are doing they are looking at the schedule of the valued application, etc. You are right. There is no way and it would about 15 pages to try and explain what the Board of Equalization and Review does and the statutes run at least that long.”

Commissioner Lucas asked “I understood you to say that general fallen market values, is not a reason to challenge value is that correct?” Mr. Ferrell responded “Yes.” Commissioner Lucas continued “But if you have a new property appraisal, have you had any people come to you with a new property appraisal, have any adjustments been made?” Mr. Bernard responded “If those appraisals were done right around January 1, 2008 they need to come before the Board. If they have had it reappraised I will tell them to bring the new appraisal in so we can compare apples to apples to make sure that we have no error on the square footage or whatever then we can do that. If it just because of the market or the economic situation and the values have gone down then no we cannot. Therefore during those good years from ’96 to 2000 and from 2000 and 2004 and from 2004 to 2008 market values went up. We cannot increase those values between the reval years nor do we decrease them between the reval years because of an economic situation.”

Commissioner Satterfield asked “Mr. Chairman doesn’t it need to be something in this letter, it maybe but I don’t think it is, don’t these people need to get in touch with you and make an appointment with you Mr. Bernard, before they come before the E&R?” Mr. Bernard responded “At the very bottom it says all requests should be made through the Caswell County Tax Office. Even though they got an appraisal done in February of ’12 I would like to see a copy of it to compare it with what we have on the books.”

Chairman Hall asked “Is it the general consensus to leave it as is?” Mr. Ferrell responded “With the addition of adding the second meeting date that Mr. Bernard mentioned and adding the adjournment date.”

Commissioner Satterfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to approve the Notice of Meeting of the Caswell County Board of Equalization and Review. The motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MEETING

CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 105-322, the Caswell County Board of Equalization and Review will meet as required by law to hear upon request, taxpayers that own or control taxable property in Caswell County, with respect to the valuation of such property and to fulfill other duties and responsibilities required by law.

The Board of Equalization and Review will meet on Monday, May 7, 2011 and Monday, May 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will adjourn on Monday, May 21, 2011. Meeting will be held in the Caswell County Historic Courthouse, Second Floor, 144 Court Square, Yanceyville, North Carolina. In the event of later or earlier adjournment, notice to that effect will be published in this newspaper.

Take notice that all requests for hearings must be made with the Caswell County Tax Office located at 139 East Church Street (PO Box 204), Yanceyville, NC 27379, telephone number (336)694-4194.

RESOLUTION DELAYING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF A
REAPPRAISAL OF PROPERTY IN CASWELL COUNTY

Mr. Thomas Bernard, Tax Director, stated “You have before you in your packet a Resolution delaying the reappraisal date to January 1, 2014. We did this last year. Our sales ratio figures are coming in at 97.5%. The sales ratio is what the Department of Revenue, the book and page numbers they request sales information on. Those sales were sent to Raleigh and they do an analysis of them. They are saying we are only 2.5% from being at 100% which in a normal economic cycle would probably be one year or so out from a normal reval. What I am saying is that at 97.5% I don’t think the county needs, I think Kevin said it would cost about three hundred thousand or so for a cost of a revaluation, I don’t think that the county needs to incur the cost of a revaluation for that small percentage of change.”

Chairman Hall asked “How many sales did we have this year?” Mr. Bernard responded “It is a number of pages.” Chairman Hall continued “For what period?” Mr. Bernard responded “They did it for the four quarters of ’11 and the first quarter of ’12 was sent in.” Chairman Hall asked “We have had pages and pages of sales in Caswell County?” Mr. Bernard responded “These are deed books and page numbers they requested of sales. Some of them are not qualified but the ones that they requested that qualified they showed that we are only down 2.5 out of 100%.” Chairman Hall continued “How many are qualified?” Mr. Bernard responded “I don’t know I would have to go look at the study to tell you. The information is requested by them and we send it in. If it is an arm length transaction, in other words a sale between a willing buyer and a willing seller that is a qualified sale. Some of those sales the sales prices are more than the value and some of them are less than our value. In talking with the Department of Revenue, we are at the same place we were last year they are recommending that we don’t spend the money for a revaluation. A number of counties all across the state are doing the same process, delaying this. Person County has already delayed theirs to the max until they have to do one in which they are in the process of doing.” Chairman Hall stated “I can understand us not spending the money. I find it difficult to believe that in the last year the sales of property in this county have been 2.5% of the market value of ’08 that is what I am having a problem with.” Mr. Bernard responded “That is the sales for that quarter and like I said as of January 1 of ’11 we are 98.5 or 98.8. The next quarter when they ask they may be up but that is what their studies show.”

Commissioner Satterfield asked “Is a foreclosure sale qualified?” Mr. Bernard responded “No sir, it does not qualify.”

Commissioner Lucas asked “How much do we budget each year for a reval?” Mr. Howard responded “For a four year reval I think we budget \$75,000 a year.” Commissioner Lucas continued “How much is in there now?” Mr. Howard responded “I think there is about \$150,000 but I am just guessing. We did \$75,000 in ’08-’09. It is less than \$200,000. We reduced that amount over the last couple of years based on the number of year needed to build that fund up.”

Commissioner Satterfield asked "Does this that you have to send into the state is that on land sales as well as home sales? Is it a combination of both?" Mr. Bernard responded "It is both. They don't know when they request a deed book and page number, they just request the deed book and page number and we grab the deed to see what it is. Some of them are houses and land and some of them could be land and the majority of it could be land." Commissioner Satterfield continued "Have you seen that land values are holding value or increasing in value more so than homes?" Mr. Bernard responded "Land sales have not dropped one penny in this county." Commissioner Satterfield stated "Some land has been sold over my way that was sold higher than the tax value." Mr. Bernard responded "Yes sir. That is what is throwing things out of kilter. I have seen so far in this county raw land, no house and no structures on it, open land, wooded land or however you want to determine it did not lose value. The midsize homes did not lose a lot of value. The high end houses are what have lost a lot of value in some of the high end subdivisions in the county. The mid range houses and lower say from \$80 - \$100,000 have not really changed between a willing buyer and seller per say. It is kind of like the old saying if you did not have a whole lot to start with you did not lose anything."

Chairman Hall stated "One of the things you just said are kind of contrary to the tax code in that the tax rate should be equitable to everyone. You said the high end homes have dropped. I don't think we should go out and reval some homes and not others." Mr. Bernard responded "We don't do that." Chairman Hall continued "What you are saying is contrary to code and everybody should be on equal footing. You saying as the tax director that some tax values have dropped and some have not. To me that means that we need to do a reval to get everything back in line." Mr. Bernard responded "I am not saying anything about code; I am talking about the market. I am not talking about a tax code or anything. I am looking all across the board and not only in Caswell County but all across the whole state as a general rule." Chairman Hall continued "When I say code and I am talking about the code that handles property tax and that may be the wrong term. Everyone needs to be on the same level that is why we need the reval. You suggested that some areas are out of kilter so that suggests to me that we need to do the reval." Mr. Bernard responded "I am not relaying that specific to Caswell and I saying that as a general consensus across the state of North Carolina." Chairman Hall stated "You said the high end homes in Caswell their tax values have gone down." Mr. Bernard responded "Some I have seen have gone down and some have gone up." Chairman Hall continued "I am only concerned about Caswell." Mr. Bernard responded "I try to keep a close eye on this with the Department of Revenue. In about a week or two I will be calling them on January, February and March to see where that quarter lies also. Also I have talked with Michael Brown at the Department of Revenue and he is saying that 2.5 is not going to pay for the reval." Chairman Hall stated "I understand that. You said we are only 2.5 off the standard but what I am hearing is some people's values are off thirty to forty percent." Mr. Bernard responded "I did not say that." Chairman Hall continued "I know that. That suggests to me that we need to look at everything. Now let's look at the lake property are they 2.5% of the value of 2008?" Mr. Bernard responded "From what I have seen on the sales, they are going up." Chairman Hall stated "That is contrary to what I have been told."

Commissioner Lucas asked "I am always interested in the appraisal manual; we use the same manual since 2008? It has not been reworked since 2008?" Mr. Bernard responded "The schedule of values will not get reworked until the next revaluation."

Commissioner Satterfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Lucas to accept the Resolution Delaying the Effective Date of a Reappraisal of Property in Caswell County.

Commissioner Lucas asked "As far as the appraisals will that be done in house?" Mr. Bernard responded "We have to hire someone because we do not have the staff to do a revaluation." Commissioner Lucas continued "We do not know the actual cost of the reappraisal?" Mr. Howard responded "No the one in 2008 was around \$325,000." Commissioner Lucas asked "Around 325,000 and we have around \$200,000 available for that?" Mr. Howard responded "Yes ma'am." Commissioner Lucas continued "And that is definite?" Mr. Howard responded "I know we don't have three hundred thousand but we should have around two hundred thousand." Commissioner Lucas asked "Are you sure about the \$300,000?" Mr. Howard responded "Yes ma'am. That was done in '08. The budget year after that we budgeted \$75,000 to have \$300,000 in four years to redo the valuations. In two of those budgets the Board reduced that amount to reduce the cost of the budget. I think we have about \$150,000 in there right now that goes to this fund."

Commissioner Travis stated "Before we do a reval or vote on it we need to get a price on what the cost would be. It might be \$460,000 now to do it. We have lost money every year we have done one. When we do one we have to go back and raise the taxes on the taxpayers and we have not gotten anything out of it. That is not the way it should be handled. If you are not going to get more than what you are spending it does not need to be done." Chairman Hall responded "I kind of disagree with you on that. This Board has the option to set the tax rates and everyone should be equal." Commissioner Travis continued "But what have you gained if you spend \$450,000 to do the reval and you can get the money back that it cost. You have just thrown away \$450,000." Commissioner Lucas responded "You have to adjust your spending accordingly in your budget."

Mr. Ferrell stated "The purpose of the revaluation is supposed to set the true value in money of property in the county, all properties and it is done on a mass appraisal basis because of course a single appraisal is just not practical. That is the statutory point of a revaluation." Chairman Hall responded "The idea is to set the true value. We should not dodge the true value because of other reasons."

Upon a vote of the motion, the motion carried by a vote of four to two with Commissioners Hall and Lucas voting no.

RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE THE ALAMANCE-CASWELL LME

Mr. Ferrell stated "We have talked over the last year especially about the current status of the Alamance-Caswell LME and our joining with PBH as of October 1st of last year. The constituent group which is made up of Alamance County management and the existing Alamance-Caswell LME management, of course you manager, have spent some time on the winding down of the LME to fulfill the statutory obligation of Caswell County to approve the dissolution of the LME. This same resolution is being considered tonight as well in Alamance County. Following the county consideration of dissolution resolution assuming the dissolution is

approved Alamance-Caswell LME will then hold a public hearing which is statutorily required which will be the last formal step to dissolve the existing LME. Now dissolution does not mean there are not some outstanding issues that will need to be resolution during what is called the winding up phase of this entity. The winding up phase entails things such as providing for, through insurance or otherwise, existing liabilities that the entity has to the extent there is insurance coverage for that. It also involves continuation of any claims that may be outstanding against the Alamance-Caswell LME. Again, this dissolution resolution does not draw a firm line where in all business of the entity ceases it is simply the next step in the winding up process of the entity itself. I can go into as much detail as you would like about what this dissolution resolution means if you have any particular questions but that is the outline of where we are tonight.”

Commissioner Satterfield asked “I would like to know a little bit about David Carter. Did he have a conversation with you Mr. Manager?” Mr. Howard responded “I am not sure what you are talking about.” Commissioner Satterfield continued “About postponing this decision on the dissolution.” Mr. Howard responded “No sir we have not had any discussion about postponing this dissolution. David wanted to postpone it about a month ago but we met and I assumed we worked out all of those interests.”

Commissioner Lucas asked “Has there been a final decision on the investigation by the forensic group?” Mr. Howard responded “I have not seen a final report but my understanding from the attorneys was there was no cause, nothing found, no tampering with the server.” Mr. Ferrell added “We have requested for this Board’s consideration to have before the final business of this LME is wound down that report or at least a summary thereof showing no HIPAA breach. The Alamance-Caswell LME attorney has come out in the newspaper saying that there was in fact no significant breach that would constitute a HIPAA violation. That has been reported in the papers. We have confirmed that in writing with the Alamance-Caswell attorney. WE don’t have the report before you tonight despite our request. We will continued to push to get that information for you because our goal is to come back before you in the next few months prior to the end of this fiscal year with the final audit of the entity which includes its contingent liabilities, etc. and this report on the security issue. That is important because the statutory requirement is that the assets and liabilities of the LME flow back to the counties. The final numbers are going to be important here because the statute says that upon dissolution assets and liabilities, and again we are not going to have any extra assets here we are talking about liabilities are returned to the counties in proportion to their contributions to the LME. I am being rough here but I think we are a 10% participant with the LME.”

Commissioner Lucas asked “Why can’t we have that information prior to dissolution?” Mr. Ferrell responded “You will have it before the business of the LME is closed. You will not have it prior to this vote on dissolution because again the step gets us a little bit further down the road towards closing those books. We would like to have it. We would like to have as much information as we possibly can but of course the final audit can’t come until the books are finally closed and we are just not there yet. This dissolution resolution comes, the entity itself has a public hearing on the dissolution, we get the final audit reports, etc. The reality is the liabilities are coming back to you any way.” Commissioner Lucas continued “Did we have a public hearing locally?” Mr. Ferrell responded “No we did not. It is not required. It is not statutorily

required that this Board hold a public hearing. The only public hearing requirement is for the Alamance-Caswell LME itself but interestingly enough that entity has to have a public hearing but it does not have to approve the dissolution. They only have to hold a public hearing.” Commissioner Lucas stated “And that public hearing will be in Alamance County.” Mr. Ferrell responded “It will be because that is where the offices of the LME are. I have requested and will continue to request that the public hearing notice be published in our paper here so that the Caswell County residents have an opportunity to know about that hearing to be present. There are time requirements for that public notice being published to give folks sufficient time to be able to come. I do anticipate that it will be in Alamance County.”

Commissioner Lucas stated “Mr. Chairman I just think there is a lot more at stake here than what we realize. I know we are going with PBH and I am in agreement with that but as far as winding down the current LME I think there is more to it. I know that David Carter is willing to come and speak to the Board if we would like for him to. I would just like to see how Alamance County handles it tonight.” Chairman Hall responded “We have had our general counsel involved in this for the past year. The state is involved in this process. Whether or not we dissolve is a mute point because the state is pushing this. We are there.”

Mr. Ferrell stated “I just received an email, isn’t technology great, that the dissolution of the LME was passed by Alamance County on the Consent Agenda at 7:05 this evening.” Commissioner Lucas asked “Was it a unanimous vote?” Mr. Ferrell responded “It was on consent so it must have been unanimous. Obviously we corresponded to let each other know how this goes so fortunately it came through. There looks like there was a letter from David Carter that came through this evening as well. I can read that to the Board if it would like.” Commissioner Lucas stated “Take your vote.” Chairman Hall responded “I understand what you are saying. There is not a lot that David Carter can tell us to make a difference.” Mr. Ferrell added “I completely agree with Ms. Lucas this process has been less than smooth and there is no doubt about the fact that more information is better and information has been requested and slow to receive on financial information, etc, I completely agree with that. Unfortunately we are where we find ourselves tonight regardless of those issues.” Commissioner Lucas stated “I am just concerned about mental health services in the county. Right now we don’t have any services available.” Mr. Howard responded “I met with Debra Welch who is over the Alamance-Caswell office last week. I have been pushing the issues that we don’t have anyone in the offices that we have provided. We can have them to come and discuss all of that with the Board at some point in time if the Board so desires. What I have been told is during the transition that is the changing of the guard. Whether that is true or not, I don’t know.” Chairman Hall stated “That has been my primary concern all along.” Commissioner Lucas responded “But we did have some presence here. Vocational Rehab moved out in recent years and to me there is no presence at all. Debra Welch told me that we have more Medicaid dollars coming to Caswell than Alamance.” Mr. Howard responded “That is probably a percentage of population.”

Commissioner Satterfield asked “Mr. Attorney to recommendation to this Board tonight is that we pass this resolution to dissolve, is that correct?” Mr. Ferrell responded “It is.”

Commissioner Satterfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to approve the resolution to dissolve the Alamance-Caswell LME. The motion carried by a vote of five to one with Commissioner Lucas voting no.

**RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE THE ALAMANCE-CASWELL LOCAL MANAGEMENT
ENTITY
AND
ASSURANCE OF CONTINUITY OF MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES IN ALAMANCE AND CASWELL
COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 122C-115.3 governs the dissolution of an area authority, and this statute requires that a county demonstrate that continuity of services will be maintained prior to the dissolution of an area authority; and

WHEREAS, PBH, in accordance with North Carolina Session Law 2011-264, is currently established as a multi-county area mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse authority and local management entity; and

WHEREAS, Alamance-Caswell Local Management Entity is currently established as a multi-county area mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse authority and local management entity (hereinafter referred to as "AC LME"); and

WHEREAS, PBH serves the counties of Cabarrus, Davidson, Rowan, Stanley, and Union; and its Board is appointed by the respective Boards of Commissioners from these counties; and

WHEREAS, AC LME serves the counties of Alamance and Caswell and its Board is appointed by the respective Boards of Commissioners from these counties; and

WHEREAS, by Joint Resolution of the Boards of County Commissioners of Alamance, Cabarrus, Caswell, Davidson, Rowan, Stanley, and Union Counties, and in accordance with North Carolina Session Law 2011-264, the Area Authority of PBH was created effective October 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, PBH has been approved by the State of North Carolina to begin operating under North Carolina's 1915(b)/(e) Medicaid Waiver Program beginning no later than January 2013 which will necessitate a Dissolution of the local management entities ("LME's"); and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly has determined that the goals of PBH and Alamance County and Caswell County can best be realized by expanding their "Catchment Areas" (meaning the counties served), consolidating operations and merging and this determination has been codified into law by the adoption of Session Law 2011-264; and

WHEREAS, after the Effective date of the AC LME Dissolution, the Alamance County Board of County Commissioners and the Caswell County Board of County Commissioners shall become the oversight committee for PBH in Alamance County and Caswell County to ensure that PBH properly maintains and provides mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services programs in Alamance County and in Caswell County.

WHEREAS, if at any time PBH fails to provide any mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services programs deemed necessary by Alamance County or Caswell County, then the counties may provide those services as an in kind appropriation for purposes of N.C.G.S. Section 122C-115.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Alamance County Board of County Commissioners hereby resolves:

1. **PURPOSE.** In recognition of the fact that since October 1, 2011, PBH has been operating in Alamance and Caswell Counties, after approval of this Dissolution Resolution by the Alamance County Board of County Commissioners and the Caswell County Board of County Commissioners, AC LME shall be considered to have dissolved, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 122C-115.3 with an Effective Date of October 1, 2011, in order to allow PBH to legally continue to manage the provision of high quality, cost effective mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services to priority consumers who are citizens of Alamance and Caswell Counties.
2. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** The members representing Alamance County and Caswell County shall be chosen by the appointing County Commissioners from Alamance County and Caswell County. Alamance County and Caswell County shall each appoint their three (3) members to the PBH Board of Directors to join the previously-selected PBH Board of Directors within 30 days of the Approval Date of this Resolution.
3. **PRINCIPAL OFFICE LOCAL PRESENCE AND OVERSIGHT.** The principal office of the entity known as PBH shall be located at 245 Le Phillip Court, Concord, NC 28025. The current local offices of the AC LME will remain at 2451 South Church Street, Burlington, NC 27215 and will become the Local Office of PBH following the Effective Date of the Dissolution and has been identified by PBH and shall continue to be identified as, "Alamance-Caswell Community Operations Center, a division of PBH". The Alamance County Board of County Commissioners and the Caswell County Board of County Commissioners, or their appointees, shall become the Oversight Committee for PBH in Alamance County and Caswell County to ensure that PBH continues to properly maintain and provide comprehensive mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services programs in Alamance County and in Caswell County.
4. **COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS.** The County Commissioners of each of the counties in the Catchment Area may from time to time make, in their sole discretion, in kind contributions to and adjustments to the N.C.G.S. Section 122C-115 appropriation for mental health taking into consideration the cost of the liabilities of the AC LM. The County Commissioners may elect to provide mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services programs including but not limited to guardianship services, the costs of which shall be treated as in kind contributions to and adjustments to the N.C.G.S. Section 122C-115 appropriation for mental health.
5. **EXPECTATIONS OF PBH.** Alamance and Caswell Counties explicitly state that PBH has represented to the Counties that it shall continue at all times to use its best efforts to provide delivery of high quality mental health services to all residents of the Catchment Area within existing finances after the Effective Date of this Dissolution Resolution.
6. **CATCHMENT AREA.** The Catchment Area for the PBH shall be comprised of the Counties of Alamance, Cabarrus, Caswell, Davidson, Rowan, Stanly, and Union.

This 2nd day of April 2012.

S/Nathaniel Hall
Nathaniel Hall, Chairman
Caswell County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

S/Paula P. Seamster
Paula P. Seamster, Clerk to the Board

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Mr. Howard stated “In your packets you have three letters. The first letter is from the USDA Rural Development. They are notifying us that they will be vacating their offices as of June 30, 2012. They are closing the Rural Development Office that is upstairs in the Agricultural Building. The Farm Services office which is downstairs will remain open at least for the time being. The other two letters are actually requests. The first is a letter from the Soil and Water Conservation office. Once the USDA moves out they would like to relocate into those offices. They have three offices and they have four staff people right now. Two local water and soil conservation folks and then two folks from NRCS that come up here periodically, it varies from time to time. The second request is from Cooperative Extension to move the JCPC staff from Guilford Mills into the vacated Soil and Water Conservation offices to move all of their staff into one location.”

Chairman Hall asked “Who is the building supervisor?” Mr. Howard responded “We own the building. We take care of the maintenance so we are the supervisors.” Chairman Hall continued “So who has the authority?” Mr. Howard responded “Traditionally I have brought requests for space to the Board of Commissioners.” Chairman Hall stated “So this Board will decide.” Mr. Howard responded “Correct, when they came to me asking I told them I needed a letter to present to the Board of Commissioners.” Chairman Hall continued “So we have a request from them. What is your recommendation?” Mr. Howard responded “My recommendation would be to do that. What it does is allow us to get all the office staff together in one office.”

Commissioner Satterfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to accept the County Manager’s recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lucas asked “What happens to the space they are moving out of at Guilford Mills?” Mr. Howard responded “That will actually be available to any mental health folks that want to move in there.”

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT
Pelham Water Tank Project Update

Mr. Howard stated "In the County Manager's Report you have a Pelham Water Tank Project update. What this does is it breaks it down into 5 phases. Phase 1 and 2 are completed so that will be the actual cost of those phases. Phase 3 the water tank is \$719,315 and the balance of that is \$178,113.75. They are still working on electrical stuff and that will include the change order that was made at the last commissioners' meeting. The water booster station and the sewer improvements those are both estimates on what the Board approved I think last summer due to the extra funds we had left over with the grants. The water tank came in below what we projected. Right now, we were going to discuss this last summer when you approve the two additional phases that are in design right now, we estimated that we would have about \$35,000 difference as it stands now it is only \$13,000. When the bids come in on the other two phases we will fit those to fit in these revenue sources and it will come before the commissioners to be approved. Any questions about that?"

Vehicle Use Policy

Mr. Howard stated "This is something I have actually been working on for quite a while. This is in here for your review. I wanted to get this in your hands so we can discuss it at the next commissioners meeting as a regular agenda item. It is a pretty comprehensive policy."

Commissioner Satterfield asked "Is this policy in place now?" Mr. Howard responded "No sir, currently we don't have a vehicle use policy in place." Commissioner Satterfield continued "Will this be on the agenda for the next meeting Mr. Chairman?" Chairman Hall responded "Yes." Mr. Howard continued "It talks about insurance and how to properly maintain the vehicles and those types of things." Commissioner Satterfield stated "I read it all I just did not know if it was already in place."

BUILDING USE POLICIES

Mr. Howard stated "In this you have the current building use policies for the county. You have this Courthouse's policy, the Recreation Department's, and the Senior Center's policy. The Ag Building does not have formal policy for over there but everything held over there is tied to the agricultural use through the Cattlemen's Association and things tied in to the Cooperative Extension."

Chairman Hall stated "I would think that we would have a policy for every building in the county that is county owned." Mr. Howard responded "I agree. We need to have a unified policy countywide." Chairman Hall stated "You need to request some type of policy from the Cooperative Extension." Mr. Howard responded "Or at least a letter explaining how they do it." Chairman Hall stated "No we need a policy on how they use and what they use it for. This Board will approve the policy. If we have non-employees at a facility we need to have a policy in place. I looked at what was submitted by the Senior Center and this is not a policy. This is nowhere near what we need for a policy." Mr. Ferrell responded "Mr. Chairman I will say that the discretionary nature of the decisions that are laid out in the statement for the Senior Center

room reservation gives me some cause and I think if this Board is interested in moving forward with a comprehensive policy we can certainly approve upon what you have especially with the Senior Center portion of the package.”

Chairman Hall stated “I think we have a good basis for this building and we have a good basis for recreation. I would suggest that the County Manager designate a committee to come up with a policy for the Senior Center and the Ag Building. We don’t need to postpone this. Mr. Manager can you suggest a date so we can get it on record that you can bring this back to the Board?” Mr. Howard responded “What I would hope to shoot for is to have something for you to review by the first meeting in May. At least to have a rough draft for you to review if we don’t have it completed by then. That is actually five weeks away because we have five Mondays this month.” Chairman Hall stated “We want this to be comprehensive. Consult with the general counsel to make sure everything is included that needs to be.”

Legislative Leaders Meeting Dates

Mr. Howard stated “You have an email that Ms. Seamster sent to you in reference to the dates that they can meet, Senator Gunn and Representative Faison. It would be up to the Board if you want to meet with them separately so we can at least get one meeting in prior to the Short Session. I think it is May 12th that they start.”

Chairman Hall stated “Faison cannot meet until May 15th. Gunn can meet in April. The sooner we meet the better so we can maybe impact the May agenda. Gunn can meet on April 9th or 23rd.”

Mr. Howard stated “The Session starts on May 16th. That is a Wednesday.”

Commissioner Satterfield asked “Do we have some specific issues we want to address to the Senator and the Representative?” Chairman Hall responded “We have been asked by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners to address some issues that will be on the agenda. The agenda for the short session has already been set.” Commissioner Satterfield continued “I have read them but I don’t remember. Is that primarily what we will be doing, reinforcing the Association’s legislative goals?” Chairman Hall responded “At this point?” Commissioner Satterfield stated “So if we at least meet with Senator Gunn we can at least get a letter out to Representative Faison as to what the meeting was all about and what we would like for him to address.”

Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Williamson to meet with Senator Rick Gunn on April 9th at 5:00 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Murder in The Library drama – April 13th @ 7:00 p.m. and April 14th @ 6:00 p.m.
- B. County Day – April 21, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. @ Senior Center
- C. Public Records Law Webinar – April 24, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- D. NCACC District Meeting – Person: Piedmont Community College
April 24, 2012 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- E. Meeting with Town of Yanceyville, Town of Milton and Commissioners
April 24, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. – Town Hall
- F. Person-Caswell Lake Authority Cook Out – May 17, 2012
6:00 p.m. Social 7:00 p.m. Dinner
- G. NCACC County Assembly Day – May 30, 2012
- H. NACo Annual Conference in Pittsburgh – July 13-17, 2012
- I. NCACC Annual Conference at Raleigh Convention Center – August 16 – 19, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:22 p.m. Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Satterfield to adjourn.
The motion carried unanimously.

Paula P. Seamster
Clerk to the Board

Nathaniel Hall
Chairman
